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1. THERE FOLLOWS COMPLETE TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER LAST FRIDAY'S ONE-DAY SUMMIT MEETING OF NIGERIAN, BENINESE AND TOGOLESE HEADS OF STATE.

"QTE AT THE INVITATION OF THEIR NIGERIAN BROTHER, LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT MATHIEW KEREKOU OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN AND PRESIDENT GNASSINGBE EYADEMA OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO, HELD A ONE-DAY SUMMIT MEETING IN LAGOS

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ON FRIDAY, THE 18TH OF MARCH, 1977, TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THEIR THREE NEIGHBOURING STATES GENERALLY.

THE THREE HEADS OF STATE REVIEWED WITH GREAT OPTIMISIM THE GENERAL STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR SISTER REPUBLICS, AND UNDERScoreD THE CRUCIAL ROLE WHICH A

RELATION OF FULL HARMONY COULD PLAY IN THE ATTAINMENT OF THE DESIRED GOALS OF ACCELERATED ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR NEIGHBOURING STATES THROUGH THE FREE AND UNFETTERED MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, GOODS AND SERVICES. THEY NOTED ALSO THE NEED TO SUPPORT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES THAT ARE CALCULATED TO PROMOTE AND REINFORCE THE RAPID EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, AND TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOALS WHICH THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SUB-REGION HAVE SET OUT FOR THE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY OF THEIR COUNTRIES AND A BETTER LIVING STANDARD FOR ALL THEIR PEOPLES.

THE HEADS OF STATE REACHED FULL ACCORD IN THEIR DECLARATIONS CONCERNING THE BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH A CONDITION OF LASTING PEACE AND HARMONY BETWEEN THEIR SISTER REPUBLICS SHOULD REST.

THESE PRINCIPLES INCLUDE:

- I) GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS;
- II) MUTUAL RESPECT ON THE BASIS OF COMPLETE EQUALITY;
- III) RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY, AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY;
- IV) THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE USE OF THREAT OF FORCE; AND

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- V) THE NEED FOR A FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, GOODS AND SERVICES ACROSS THEIR BORDERS, IN THE SPIRIT OF ECOWAS, AND IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR ECONOMIES GENERALLY, AND OF THEIR PEOPLES.

THE HEADS OF STATE PLEDGED THEMSELVES SOLEMNLY TO ENDEAVOR AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID ANY SITUATION THAT MIGHT IMPEDE THE FULL REALISATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES.

IN PURSUANCE OF THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION, AND IN THE SPIRIT OF AFRICAN BROTHERHOOD AND SOLIDARITY, AS WELL AS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESENT KEREKOU OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN AND HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GNASSINGBE EYADEMA OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO SOLEMNLY UNDERTOOK TO RE-OPEN THEIR COMMON BORDERS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

THE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF COMPLETE

CORDIALITY AND UNDERSTANDING, AND THE HEADS OF STATE
REACHED FULL ACCORD ON ALL MATTERS DISCUSSED.

THE VISITING HEADS OF STATE EXPRESSED PROFOUND
SATISFACTION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME
AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR ENTOURAGE
FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THEIR VISIT.

DONE AT LAGOS, THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, NINETEEN
HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN, IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,
BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC. UNQUOTE.

2. NIGERIAN RADIO THIS MORNING REPORTS TOGO/BENIN BORDER TO
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